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Pamela Allen and Dottie Bass, co-chairs of the 24th Annual Multi-Ethnic Student Career and Job Fair sponsored by the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education and the Career Center, pose during the event at the Student Union on Wednesday, Feb. 14. More than 100 employers attended the fair; 460 students had preregistered and approximately 1,000 attended the event.

Board of Regents Votes on Two Collective Bargaining Bills

The University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents on Feb. 9 voted to support legislation providing certain employees of USM institutions the right to select an exclusive representative for purposes of collective bargaining on matters relating to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.

The legislation (Senate Bill 207 and House Bill 300) was introduced in the Maryland General Assembly on behalf of Governor Parris N. Glendening.

The Senate Committee on Finance has scheduled a hearing on SB 207 on Thursday, March 1 at 1 p.m.

Today, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m., the university's chapter of the American Association of University Professors will hold a legislative briefing on the bills at the Language House/St. Mary's Hall.

The full text of the legislation is available on the Maryland General Assembly Web site at <http://mlis.state.md.us/#bill>. Follow the instructions for Bill Information and Status.

Physics Nobel Laureate to Establish World-Class Research Group

The University of Maryland and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced that NIST physicist and 1997 Nobel Laureate William Phillips will lead the formation of a world-class atomic, molecular and optical (AMO) physics group at Maryland.

Although Phillips has been an adjunct professor for some time, he is the first Nobel Laureate to be appointed to a full faculty position at the university. Phillips will spearhead the hiring of top AMO scientists to join the university group and will lead its formation and development while continuing to work in the NIST Physics Laboratory as a NIST Fellow and head of its laser cooling and trapping group. His appointment as a faculty member in the university's Department of Physics begins July 1.



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William Phillips

According to Phillips, the group's research will explore the newest areas of AMO physics and also will focus on fundamental questions. In recent years, studies of the interaction of light with matter have led to ways to "trap" atoms and molecules and cool them to near absolute zero, revealing funda-

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Pulitzer Winner Jon Franklin Returns to Journalism School

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jon Franklin, a pioneer in literary nonfiction writing and an expert in unraveling complex scientific advancements for the masses, is returning to the University of Maryland faculty.

Franklin is the Philip Merrill College of Journalism's first Merrill Chair in Journalism, returning to the school where he graduated with high honors in 1970 and taught from 1986 to 1989. The appointment is effective immediately and he will begin teaching this summer.

Franklin won Pulitzer Prizes for feature writing in 1979 and for explanatory writing in 1985—the first Pulitzers ever awarded in those categories—for his work at The (Baltimore) Evening Sun, where he was an innovator in literary techniques in journalism.

"He is one of the greatest practitioners and teachers of feature writing in all of journalism," said Professor Gene Roberts, former managing editor of the New York Times. "Having him return to Maryland is another great step in making the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland the finest in the nation."

Franklin returns to the university from Raleigh, where he has been a narrative writer, special assignments editor and writing

coach for The News and Observer since 1998. Between his Maryland stints, Franklin was chairman of the journalism program at Oregon State University and director of the creative writing program at the University of Oregon.

"It feels very much like coming home," Franklin said. "I watched from afar while [former] Dean [Reese] Cleghorn built the college into what I think is the finest journalism institution in all of higher education. I'm deeply thrilled to rejoin the best journalism faculty in the country, and look forward to all the creative things it has been empowered to do."

Merrill College Dean Thomas Kunkel said Franklin will teach courses on science writing and writing complex stories. Kunkel said the college also hopes to build a center for science and communications around Franklin.

"We're thrilled to welcome Jon back to Maryland," Kunkel said.

"He's one of the best writers of science and medicine in the world. Not only will he teach journalism, but also he looks forward to teaching top science students how to better communicate their work and research. We envision the center as a real interdisciplinary effort."

Both of Franklin's Pulitzers were on scientific topics—a series on brain surgery and a series exploring molecular psychiatry. He

also has written four books on science topics: "Molecules of the Mind," which details the revolution in neurochemistry and predicted the Prozac class of mind-healing; "Guinea Pig Doctors," about scientists who experimented on themselves; "Not Quite a Miracle," about brain surgeons and their patients; and "Shocktrauma," about the first shock-trauma unit.

Another Franklin book, "Writing for Story," is widely used in advanced journalism classes around the world. He also has been an innovator in using the Internet to help teach writing. He created WriterL, a popular electronic mailing group for narrative writers, and has experimented with writing courses on the Internet.

Franklin joins the college just days after announcements that The Washington Post's David S. Broder is joining the faculty and that publisher Philip Merrill is giving \$10 million to the school that now bears his name.

Franklin, 59, will be the fifth Pulitzer Prize winner at Maryland, joining presidential historian James MacGregor Burns of the university's Academy of Leadership and three others from the College of Journalism—Broder, Knight Chair Professor Haynes Johnson and William Eaton, curator of the school's Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program for international journalists.

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Your Guide to University Events
February 20-28

Tuesday february 20

9 a.m.-12 noon, Workshop: "Accounting for Contracts and Grants." Focuses on issues directly related to managing sponsored programs in the university accounting system. Contact the Organizational Development & Training Office at 5-5651, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.

9 a.m.-4 p.m., OIT Shortcourse Training: "Intermediate MS Excel." 0121 Main Admin. To register, visit www.oit.umd.edu/sc, or call 5-0443.*

12-1:30 p.m., Brown Bag Lunch: "Web Interest Group Meeting." 0467 ANS/building 142. Discuss Web accessibility issues and what the Federal Information Technology Accessibility Initiative, Section 508 means to the university Web development community. Contact Gina Jones at 5-3026 or at gmj@umd.edu, or visit www.wig.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "Human-Caused Climate Warming: Implications For Practically Everything." With Jerry D. Mahlman, Former Director, NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab, Princeton University. Physics Lecture Hall (1410 Physics). Call 5-5946.

5-8 p.m., Dinner: "Steak and Salmon Tuesdays." Golf Course Clubhouse. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Intermediate MATLAB." Continues covering critical skills in solving matrix and vector operations, multiple integrals, differential equations, 2D & 3D plots in parametric, polar, spherical, cylindrical, implicit, contour, and mesh views, and more. Prerequisites: Introduction to MATLAB and a WAM account. 3330 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.*

Wednesday february 21

3:30 p.m., Lecture: "A French Writer in America." Catherine Cusset, novelist, whose scholarly works include "Les romanciers du plaisir" and "No Tomorrow: The Ethics of Pleasure in the French Enlightenment." Part of the series Modern France: Aspects of the Future, sponsored by the Department of French and Italian. St. Mary's Hall. Call 5-4024.

4:30-6 p.m., Discussion: "Life Sciences: A Common Agenda for Research in Health and Agriculture in the U.S. and China." Hosted by the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs as part of the "Our Common Global Agenda" series, the goal is to focus on and build a common agenda for the future in health and agriculture in the U.S. and China. 0106 Key Hall. To register, call 5-0213 or e-mail rm165@umail.umd.edu.

5:30-6:30 p.m., Workshop: "The Diet Dilemma." Center for Health & Wellbeing, Campus Recreation Center. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

5:30-6:30 p.m., Workshop: "Acupuncture." Center for Health & Wellbeing, Campus Recreation Center. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

6-7:30 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Navigating WebCT." For information, call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.*

7 p.m., Lecture: "Racism and the Black Community," with Andre Perry, Human Relations. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Programs, Student Involvement and Community Advocacy and Kappa Alpha Psi. Call 4-8341.

7-8:30 p.m., Yoga Class. Parents' Gallery, Stamp Student Union. Call Alicia Simon, 4-8492.

Thursday february 22

3:30 p.m., Seminar: "Globalization at Internet Speed: Imperatives and Challenges," with Anil K. Gupta, R. H. Smith School of Business. Part of the Leveraging Corporate Knowledge Seminar series. Rouse Room, Van Munching Hall. Visit www.imc.com.

4:30-7:30 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Intermediate Mathematica." Prerequisites: Introduction to Mathematica and a WAM account. 4404 Computer & Space Science. For information, call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.*

5:30-6:30 p.m., Workshop: "Reflexology." Center for

Health & Wellbeing, Campus Recreation Center. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

6:30-8 p.m., Seminar: "Professional Imaging." Campus Recreation Center. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

7:30 p.m., Lecture: "The Debt: What America Owes Blacks." Randall Robinson, President of TransAfrica, makes a case for reparations to African Americans for slavery and the need for increased American support of African countries. A reception follows the talk. (See article on page 7 for details.) Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center. Contact the Committee on Africa and the Americas at 5-6835.

Friday february 23

12-1 p.m., Seminar: "Methodological and Conceptual Issues in Bilingualism Research." With Francois Grosjean, Language and Speech Processing Laboratory. Part of the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Program Seminar Series. 1208 Biology-Psychology. For information, see www.life.umd.edu/NACS.

6-8 p.m., Dinner: "Bull and Oyster Roast." Join your friends and feast on a buffet of fried oysters, steamed oysters, freshly-shucked oysters on the half shell, oyster stew, chef-carved roast beef, Seafood Imperial, BBQ chicken and more. Full bar available with \$1.25 draft beer and house wine. \$19.99 per person plus tax and gratuity. Advance reservations and payment required. University Golf Course. Contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 403-4240 or at nloomis@dining.umd.edu.

8 p.m., Faculty Recital: "Mikhail Volchok, Piano." Featuring Beethoven sonatas and "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Musorgsky. Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Call 5-7847.

Saturday february 24

8-10 p.m., Performance: "Hesperus with Bonnie Rideout." An evening of Scottish-Irish traditional music; part of

It's the Big Ouch!

Be sure to check out the OUCH! pull-out included in this issue of *Outlook* and in the Feb. 20 *Diamondback*. Clarification: Please note that in the "Fees for FY '02" section on the back panel; the new garage mentioned is currently planned for the south section of LOT 1. While supplies last, additional copies may be requested from Ed Burgan, Facilities Management, 5-3206.

Monday february 26

3:30 p.m., Lecture: "Ethnic Prejudice in Tacitus." 1102 Tydings Hall. (Details in **For Your Interest**, page 8.)

4 p.m., Colloquium: "Cultivation, Sporulation and Phylogenetic Analysis of Neozygites parvispora and Entomophthora thripidum, Two Fungal Pathogens of Thrips." With Florian Freimoser, Department of Entomology. Call 5-3795.

4:30-6 p.m., Lecture: "Why Are There No Black Soldiers in 'Saving Private Ryan'?" Race and Nation in Twentieth-Century America." Professor Gary Gerstle will discuss his forthcoming book on American nationalism for this semester's Student-Faculty Forum in the Department of History. Everyone is welcome. Pizza afterward. 0106 Key Hall. Call 5-4272 or rm87@umail.umd.edu.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Microsoft Word: ABCs of Word Processing." Prerequisites: Windows 98 and a WAM account. 4404 Computer & Space Science. For information, call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.*

Tuesday february 27

2-3:30 p.m., Workshop: "The Basics of Financial Planning." Provides a general understanding of personal finance management. Determining your net worth, cash flow, budgeting, managing credit and setting financial goals will be discussed. Contact the Organizational Development & Training Office at 5-5651, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.

4 p.m., Physics Colloquium: "A New Method For Nonlinear And Nonstationary Time Series Analysis: The Hilbert Spectral Analysis." With Norden E. Huang, Chief Scientist, Laboratory for Hydrospheric Process, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Physics Lecture Hall (1410 Physics). Call 5-5946.

6-9 p.m., OIT Workshop: "Basic Computing Technologies at Maryland." Introduces network technologies such as FTP transfer, reading and posting

on Usenet newsgroups, subscribing to public newsgroups, and sending attachments using an e-mail program. Prerequisite: a WAM account. 3330 Computer & Space Science. Call 5-2938 or e-mail cwpost@umd5.umd.edu, or visit www.oit.umd.edu/PT.*

8 p.m., Performance: "Chamber Winds," by the University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Conductor John E. Wakefield leads the ensemble in a concert featuring "La Peri Fanfare" by Dukas, "Serenade in E-flat" by Strauss, "Notturmo for Turkish Band" by Spohr, and "Good Soldier Suite" by Kurka. Call 5-7847.

Wednesday february 28

9 a.m.-12 noon, Workshop: "The Three P's of Payroll: Policies, Procedures and Practices." Designed for those who are responsible for payroll within their unit. Covers mandatory internal controls, what's needed to get a person on payroll, and what to do if a new employee doesn't get paid. Contact the Organizational Development & Training Office at 5-5651, or visit www.personnel.umd.edu.

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CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT MARYLAND



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Life is a *Dream* at University Theatre



Pictured, left to right: Anne Gullede, Erika Rose and Gordon Parks III in "Life Is A Dream."

A Partnership in the Literacy Challenge: America Reads

On March 2, the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will play host to more than 350 elementary school students from Prince George's County and an equal number of volunteers from across the campus for Read Across America Day.

The national reading celebration day was established in 1997 when research found that nearly 40 percent of our nation's fourth-graders failed to attain the most basic level of reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. President Clinton presented The America Reads Challenge, asking all Americans to help every child learn to read well and independently by the end of the third grade.

The federal government supported these initiatives with increased funding of the Federal Work-Study student employment program for colleges and universities to participate in America Reads. America Reads at the University of Maryland, coordinated by Greg Zick, partners Prince George's County elementary school students with college students and this year adds the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and its staff to the collaboration.

On March 2, each America Reads student visiting The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center from one of nine area

elementary schools will be assigned a volunteer reading friend for the day.

Literature and performing arts-focused events include a reading of "The Three Little Pigs" by a special guest followed by a theatrical performance by the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre of "The Three (Not So Little) Pigs." The purpose is to demonstrate how literature can be interpreted and translated in different ways in performance.

After a lunch break, students will listen to a reading of a Dr. Seuss "The Sneetches," with gift books donated by Barnes & Noble. Students will participate in performance activities, separating into small groups to explore music, dance, and theatre, with the assistance of College Park Scholars.

"This event is at the heart of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's mission—collaborating through the arts experience with other campus units and the community, not only to create new synergy, but to help us all meet shared and individual goals—in this case, taking on the literacy challenge," says Terrie Hruzd, Education Coordinator for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

For more information about America Reads, visit the Web site www.umd.edu/america-reads or call 301-314-READ.

Adelle Cabot was fascinated by "Life Is A Dream," by Spanish playwright Pedro Calderón de la Barca. Written during Spain's Golden Age, "Life Is A Dream" is a fantastical journey steeped in archetypal myth and fairy tale, which follows a prince and his struggle to move from oppression to a life of freedom and integrity.

Cabot was struck by a new translation by John Clifford which she felt made the play meaningful to contemporary audiences without diluting the rhythms in its original language or the beauty of its imagery.

Knowing that she wanted to mount the masterpiece at University Theatre, where she serves as assistant professor in the Department of Theatre, Cabot recognized that she faced a daunting challenge: How could she translate her excitement for a Spanish play written in the 16th century to students raised in a very different time, with 21st cen-

tury sensibilities?

Cabot used the power of language and experience to remove the barriers of time and culture. "I continually bring it back to the student—how can they relate to the character, to the situation? How can they make this 400 year-old story their own?" asks Cabot. "To make this happen, in rehearsal we talk about and experience the words: the feelings, sound, and images of the words the text gives us: betrayal, honor, freedom, reason, duty, murder."

The student actors are asked to define and experience the concepts for themselves by putting them in a context they can understand: their own lives.

"For example, how does a twenty year-old define and feel honor?" says Cabot. "We explore their experience of betrayal, of honor, of freedom."

Through the process of giving personal meaning to these words, the young actors learn to express what they know out to an audience,

through the vibrancy of Calderón de la Barca's text.

Did she feel that her students were up to the challenge? Cabot answers with a resounding "yes."

And, as is the case with the most satisfying teaching experiences, Cabot feels that she gained as much as her students did from the process. "I have learned much from them while they learn about themselves and how they can express, in some way, what it means to be human through the art of acting."

"Life Is A Dream" will be the first performance in the new Ina and Jack Kay Theatre at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, March 1-4 and 8-10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens, with special rates for groups or more. For more information, contact the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center ticket office at (301) 405-7847 or visit their Web site at www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.



Photo by Thomas Radcliffe

"Whooping it Up" with Hesperus and Bonnie Rideout

Celtic music is enjoying a strong revival and Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's Maryland Presents series capitalizes on its popularity by bringing one of the finest early music ensembles, Hesperus, to perform at the Inn and Conference Center on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.

Featuring as guest artist the fiery, three-time Scottish fiddle champion Bonnie Rideout, the locally-based Hesperus play from their "Celtic Roots" CD, which explores the deep connections between Scottish and Irish traditional folk music and the music of England and America.

Telling the stories about the music, who played it and why it was played, helps them to create "cultural portraits," giving a vision of the culture connecting early music and modern traditional music. Scott Reiss, one of Hesperus' founding members, "The music is fun. This is not your typical early music concert. We like to talk in concert, and we stamp our feet. It's definitely foot-stomping whistle music, and I've learned how to whoop."

For ticket information, contact the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center ticket office at (301) 405-7847.

The box office hours
for the Clarice Smith
Performing Arts
Center have been
extended.

The new hours
are Monday-Saturday
from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
and Sunday from
11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Disease Detective Addresses Mad Cow Syndrome

Between teaching a graduate course and two veterinary medicine courses and overseeing day-to-day operations at the Avrum Gudelsky Center, Dr. Will Hueston, associ-

sored by the World Health Organization.

Hueston, a veterinary epidemiologist who describes himself as a "disease detective," has longstanding acquaintance with this degenerative neurological

the first non-Briton on their Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee. Their charge: to provide scientific information and guidance to UK government officials struggling to develop policies in the

regarding this disease, despite its limited impact on human populations," Hueston says. "From 1996 to early December 2000, some 90 cases of new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease were reported, compared to 180,000 cases of lung cancer that appear annually in the United States alone. The difference is that some people survive lung cancer, while nobody survives Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease."

Scientific data indicate that BSE is spread to humans through consumption of contaminated beef products, primarily brain and nerve tissue. Neither muscle meat nor high-quality ground beef are a problem, according to Hueston.

"We've never been able to identify any BSE infectivity in muscle meat, and only one odd finding in bone marrow," he says. That means that even residents of and travelers to Britain and Europe can enjoy some filet mignon, New York strip steaks, or high-quality hamburgers. Less safe are sausages and other processed meat products, which are more likely to include brain or nerve tissue. "Basically, the less identifiable it is as meat, the less comfortable I am," says Hueston.

Although the origins of BSE are still unclear, many researchers believe that cattle developed BSE after eating rendered meat and bone meal produced from sheep infected with scrapie, another transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, which has been around for more than 250 years without causing illness to humans or other animals. The problem was exacerbated when animal protein meal derived from infected cattle was then added to animal feed.

Given these facts, the British government has taken drastic measures to eradicate BSE, slaughtering nearly 5 million cattle, forbidding cows more

than 30 months old from entering the food chain, and prohibiting the use of rendered meat and bone meal in feed for cattle, sheep and goats.

Hueston believes the battle against BSE in Europe is just beginning and that millions more cows will have to be destroyed.

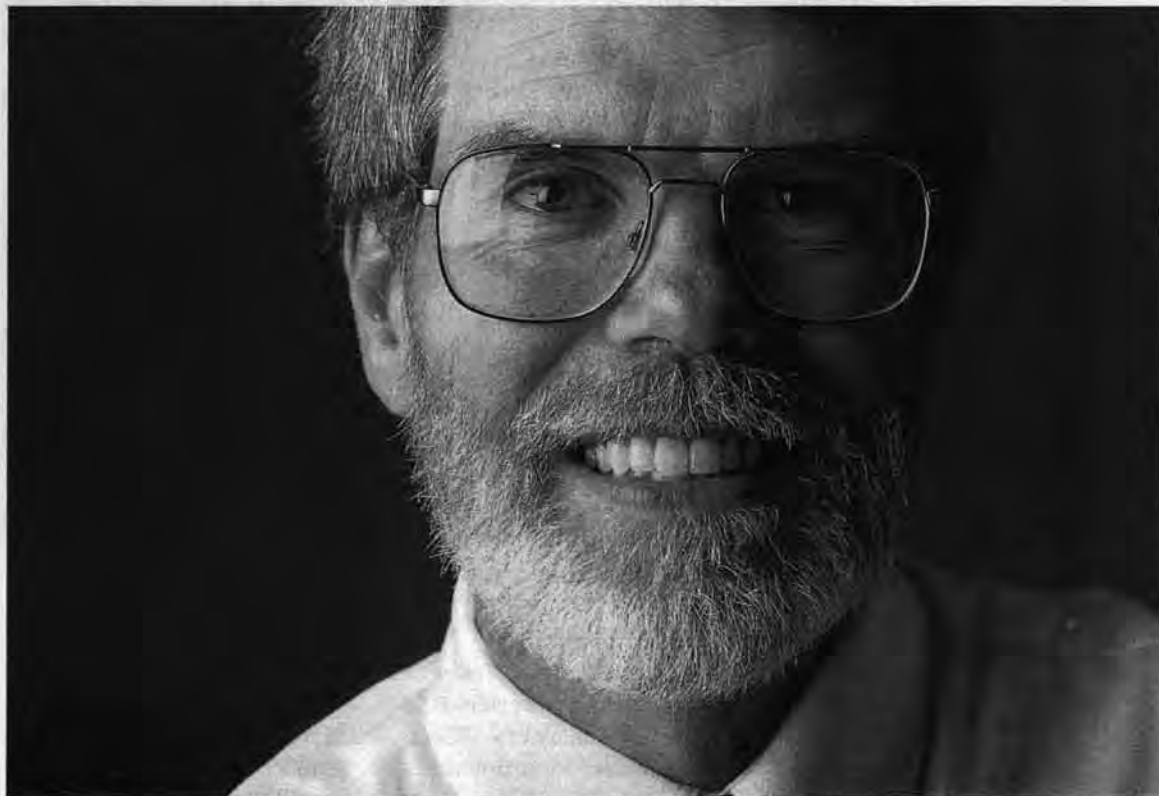
But he also thinks efforts there will ultimately be successful, and that BSE will disappear in the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe. He also is quite confident that given the scientific surveillance and government regulations currently in place, the United States will keep BSE at bay, although he warns against complacency.

"There is a tendency to think that if it isn't broken, don't fix it," he says. "The current situation in Europe demonstrates the fallacy of that attitude. You always have to prepare for the worst, or else you can be caught off guard."

Hueston's biggest concern involves the rest of the world. Given the global nature of the food trade, he believes it's likely that foods made with contaminated beef have already been distributed to many countries around the world, many of which lack the resources necessary for adequate surveillance and prevention programs.

"There are other countries with BSE," he says. "I'd stake my career on it."

NOTE: Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies in the United States (Report 136) is available on the web in PDF format. Printed copies can be purchased for \$20 plus \$3 shipping. Individual and student members of CAST may request a free copy; please include \$3 postage and handling. Contact CAST, 4420 West Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50014-3447; tel. (515) 292-2125; e-mail cast@cast-science.org; or visit www.cast-science.org.



Will Hueston

ate dean for the Maryland-Virginia Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, doesn't have much free time to call his own.

And for the past several months his schedule has become even more hectic, thanks to events taking place thousands of miles away.

With the recent outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)—dubbed "mad cow disease" by the ever-colorful British press—in cattle in France, Portugal, Belgium, Germany and Italy, Hueston has been called upon to comment on the disease by such American news outlets as CNN and U.S. News & World Report. And while most of us were preparing to celebrate the winter holiday season, he was flying to Geneva to participate in a meeting on BSE spon-

disease. Following its original appearance in Britain in 1986, he and colleagues at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Animal Health Monitoring System evaluated the potential risk of a BSE epidemic in the United States.

Their report—the first national risk assessment of BSE anywhere—was published in 1990. And while the authors concluded that the United States' animal production and processing system is sufficiently different from that of Britain to make a similar epidemic highly unlikely, their analysis set the stage for additional controls that reduced the risk even further.

In 1991 Hueston spent six months in England as part of the British government's epidemiology unit investigating BSE. Two years later he became

face of a rapidly escalating public health scare with economic and political overtones.

"Suspensions had arisen that BSE might be linked to a similar brain-wasting illness in humans," says Hueston. "Beef sales plummeted and consumer confidence was shaken."

Following intense medical and scientific investigations, the British government publicly acknowledged a strong link between BSE and a new form of a human neurological malady called Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in March 1996. The media spotlight focused on Hueston once more. As the U.S. spokesperson on BSE, he appeared on or was quoted by Reuters, Dateline, the McNeil Leher Report, CBS, NBC—even the Oprah Winfrey Show.

"There was, and continues to be, intense public concern

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mental quantum properties and new states of matter, and opening up potential applications in high-resolution spectroscopy, atomic clocks, quantum information systems and atomic-scale and nano-scale fabrication.

"Research in the fields of laser cooling, Bose-Einstein condensation, atom optics, quantum information, and related areas is expanding so rapidly that opportunities for new directions abound," Phillips said. "The new AMO physics group at the university is an exciting, important expansion of our interactions with the University of Maryland, and I have great expectations for the future of this collaboration."

The group will include three new faculty members who are leaders in experimental and theoretical AMO physics. Phillips will assist the group in determining research directions, developing research collaborations and recruiting graduate students.

"The university is excited to welcome such an accomplished, exciting and leading physicist to our campus," said President C.D. Mote, Jr. "Bill Phillips and the group he will lead will strengthen both our already top-class department of physics and the world-class laboratory at NIST."

Phillips and two co-recipients, Steven Chu of Stanford University and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji, Collège de France and École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, won the 1997 Nobel Prize in Physics for their work in the field of laser cooling and trapping of atoms. According to the Royal Swedish Academy for the Sciences, their work "has meant a breakthrough for both theory and experiment within the field and has led to a deeper understanding of the interaction between light and matter."

The NIST Physics Laboratory is an internationally

recognized center of research in atomic, molecular and optical physics. Accomplishments include the creation of a Bose-Einstein condensate, a new form of matter; the demonstration of non-linear atom optics, a new field of physics; and the development of NIST F-1, one of the most accurate atomic clocks in the world.

"Dr.—now also Professor—Phillips and the new atomic, molecular and optical group are building on a long and fruitful history of interactions between the Department of Physics and NIST," said NIST Physics Laboratory director Katharine Gebbie. "We're very pleased to have this chance to expand both our partnership and our mutual opportunities to explore this rapidly moving field of science, especially since AMO physics continues to have a very large impact on metrology and standards and on the U.S. economy."

Working for the People

Identify a need and fill it. It is how Toby Jenkins created her current, satisfying position and how she intends to help others find fulfillment as well.

As Coordinator of Campus/Community Outreach and Public Relations for the Nyumburu Cultural Center, Jenkins makes sure those on campus not affiliated with a group find a place to serve. She also encourages established groups to pool their efforts at least once or twice a semester to do good on a larger scale. In trying to create large scale, broad interest community efforts, Jenkins created the Joint Service Project.

"I was finding that you don't hear about programs that are open to everyone," she says. "And we're providing opportunities for faculty and staff to interact with students outside of the classroom."

The first two projects focused on organizations. Forty students from 11 campus groups did maintenance work for Friendship House in Washington, D.C., in November and also for Sasha Bruce House and Youthwork, also in Washington, in December. Friendship House supports individuals, families and community development at 15 locations. Sasha Bruce is also a multi-service facility, though it focuses on those ages 11-18. There are residential and outreach components.

"It went really well," says Caroline Byrd, volunteer coordinator at Sasha Bruce. "The students seemed really enthusiastic. Most groups are a one-time only, but Toby was interested in coming back."

Though Byrd says the organization usually works with smaller groups — there were 40 with Jenkins — there was enough work to accommodate the larger number. For Jenkins, this is one of the hardest parts of her project: finding organizations that have the staff, needs and time to work with large groups. She is trying to find a way to break her project into smaller pieces.

"This semester we want to work more with people," says Jenkins.

The March project is a trip for area middle schoolers to see African drumming at the new Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, followed by a pizza party at Nyumburu. Jenkins is collaborating with a campus mentorship program that works with students from several Prince George's County schools. She is hoping for a three students to one volunteer ratio.

For spring break, Jenkins is planning to take 10 Jewish middle school students and 10 black middle school students to Memphis. The idea is to show the history of each group and how they collaborated on civil rights issues.

The desire to work with, and for, people is what brought Jenkins to the university as a full-time employee.

Using her journalism/mass communications/public relations bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina, Jenkins worked as a spokesperson for Oscar Meyer and then an event planner for Coca-Cola.

"They were great jobs and I was making good money," she says, sitting in her small office, decorated with a small Weinermobile, Coca-Cola memorabilia and Delta Sigma Theta paraphernalia. "But I wasn't happy. So I asked myself, when was I the most happy? It was when I was a student, working for student organizations for free."

So she switched her focus, came to Maryland as a graduate student studying college student personnel administration and worked part time in Nyumburu. Her efforts turned into a full-time job upon graduation last May.

"I have had minimal supervision of her," remarks Ron Zeigler, interim



Toby Jenkins

director of Nyumburu since last May. "She pretty much creates her own initiatives."

Because the center functioned with only two full-time staff members for a time, Zeigler says that community and campus outreach efforts weren't as formal as they have become. With the addition of Jenkins and Clayton Walton, coordinator of student involvement and leadership, a whole host of ventures are "in the pipeline," says Zeigler.

Jenkins has high hopes for her Joint Service Project. By structuring an educational session before volunteers get started and a reflection period when it's over, she hopes participants see these opportunities as more than just a one-shot feel-good activity.

"Students will begin to see the link between their studies and the community. That being a good citizen means being educated and having it in you to share your knowledge."

The Rules, They are a-Changin'

New borrowing policies are now in effect for the campus, with special rules for faculty and staff.

Some of the policies that specifically affect faculty and staff:

- Faculty may borrow noncirculating or restricted materials in some cases, with permission from the unit, department or branch library where the material is located is required. If permission is granted, the fine rules for reserve room materials apply if the item is returned after the specified loan period.

- Faculty and staff may keep a borrowed item for a year roughly, to a specified date in the same semester of the next year. The exception is material borrowed from the White Memorial (Chemistry) Library which has a shorter loan period.

- Faculty and staff are not charged fines on normal overdue items. They are charged for overdue recalled items. They are also charged for lost and damaged items and a denial of use fee.

More general changes:

- The charge for a lost book has been set at \$205. If a replacement copy is provided by the patron, the charge will be \$35.

- Faculty members may obtain separate borrowers cards for official use by their assistants; however, the faculty member is responsible for all items borrowed on these cards, which may be obtained by inquiring at McKeldin Circulation.

The full text of the new document, "Borrowing from University of Maryland Libraries," is available in print from McKeldin Circulation and on the Web at www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/PUBSERV/trial.html. Questions about circulation policies may also be addressed to Terry Saylor, Access Service Manager, at (301) 405-9177 or via e-mail at ts6@umail.umd.edu.



Kirwan Prize Nominees Sought

Dr. William Destler is seeking nominations of faculty members for the Kirwan Faculty Research and Scholarship Prize. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday, Feb. 28.

For more information, contact E. Weingaertner at (301) 405-4175 or eweingaertner@umresearch.umd.edu.

There's No Place Like a College Park Home

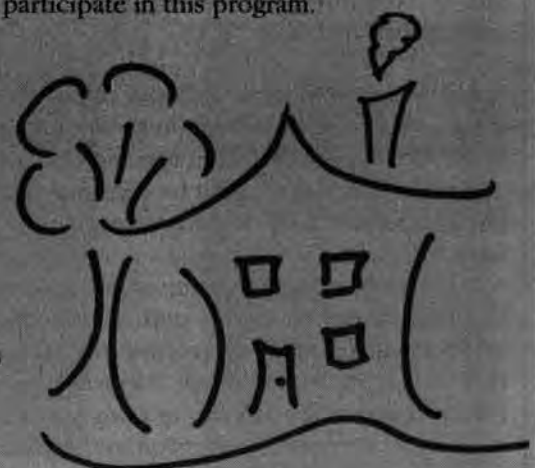
For several years, the university has been participating with the City of College Park and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to offer employees financial assistance in purchasing a home within the City of College Park. The program, called Live Near Your Work, is part of Maryland's Neighborhood Conservation and Smart Growth Initiative aimed at strengthening local communities.

The Live Near Your Work Program provides a \$3,000 cash grant to university employees who purchase a home within the city. The university, the city of College Park and the state share in the cost of this grant. This grant can be used for a down payment and/or closing cost assistance toward to purchase of a home in targeted neighborhoods.

Dick Bosstick, the Assistant Director of Benefits, coordinates the program in conjunction with the city's Planning Department. Bosstick indicated that the university, College Park and The Washington Post are the three major employers that participate in this program.

However, the program is expanding. University of Maryland, University College and Trigen, a utility company in contract with the university, have agreed to participate. Bosstick said that the city has issued a total of 33 grants through this program and 27 of these grants have been given to College Park campus employees. Grants are still available for the current fiscal year.

More information concerning this program, as well as all necessary application forms, can be found on the Campus Benefits office web page at www.personnel.umd.edu/Benefits/benefits2001/lnyw.htm, or call Bosstick in the Benefits Office at (301) 405-5654. The contact with the City of College Park is Dorothy Freidman, (301) 277-3445.





"In a world that is dominated in large measure by the communications revolution, sound journalistic values and capabilities are more important than ever. The purpose of this gift is to help the College of Journalism at the University of Maryland achieve its goal of being the very best in the nation."

—*Phillip Merrill, publisher of Washingtonian magazine and Annapolis Capital newspaper, reflects on why he provided the university with one of its great monetary gifts, \$10 million to the College of Journalism. (Annapolis Capital, Feb. 9)*

"It's really sad the whole thing is going to end Monday. Are we going to be happy it lands or are we going to cry? I don't know."
—*Lucy McFadden, associate faculty researcher in the department of astronomy, watched history made Feb. 12 as a member of the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) Shoemaker research team. McFadden and cohorts successfully landed a spacecraft on an asteroid 196,000,000 miles from earth after years of work. (SPACE.com, Feb. 12)*

"Black Americans, and black women in particular, are not well-represented in graduate education; in mathematics, their numbers are particularly dismal. Out of 1,085 math Ph.D.'s conferred nationally in 1999, only 10 went to black Americans. Of those 10, six were women. In 1998, seven of 12 were women. All told, African Americans typically receive just 0.5 percent of all math Ph.D.'s awarded each year, and for a decade now, the number of black Ph.D.'s has stagnated."
—*In a feature story on the unprecedented graduation of three black women math Ph.D.'s from Maryland in December, the Chronicle of Higher Education underlines the unique feat by reviewing the quantitative failure of universities to attract African Americans to mathematics. (Feb. 16)*

"To justify their broadside against Maryland's higher education governance system, the authors imply Maryland's public higher education institutions are inferior to those in neighboring states despite higher funding levels. Nothing could be further from the truth."
—*William Destler, vice president for research and dean of graduate studies, replies to a Baltimore Sun opinion/editorial piece that downgraded Maryland higher education efforts because of the system under which they were accomplished. Destler points out Maryland has two American Association of University Institutions, Virginia one. And the authors missed the obvious: The university has become one of the nation's elite public research universities. (Feb. 12)*

"I was trying to think of the most offensive show of the '50s, something to show that TV in the '50s wasn't all golden age and that it had some things that might be considered just as offensive as Springer or (Howard) Stern."
—*Douglas Gomery, professor of journalism and film/television expert, was co-curator of a National Gallery of Art film and lecture series, "TV Before Video: Television Preservation at the Library of Congress." Gomery's selection as television evil comparable to today's reality TV: Queen for a Day. This is harsh judgement, surely, for something our mothers and grandmothers might have watched. Or is it? (The Washington Post, Feb. 10)*

Providing a Link for Latin American Students

¿Tú hablas español?

Fluency in languages is an advantage in today's job market, for non- and native speakers alike. And with the Latino community growing so quickly in this country, it is important to understand not only their language, but their culture as well.

Carmen Roman, a joint professor in the Spanish and Portuguese and Latin American Studies departments, realized that one of the best ways to foster understanding is to start encouraging first generation Latin Americans to attend college.

Being a first generation Latin American herself, Roman knows the issues these students face when attending college. She started the Community Outreach Program in association with the two departments. This program supports the Latino student population at the university. Currently, 46 students are involved.

"The [Latino] population is 6 percent and growing at Maryland. There is always friction when a new minority group comes in," said Roman, meaning that it is an adjustment for Latino students and



Carmen Roman

the greater university population.

To recruit students into the program, she visits high school Latino groups and Spanish classes. Once the students are accepted to the university, the real work begins. "My job is part counselor, part advisor, part mentor and part cheerleader," said Roman.

One of the main problems she encounters is with the parents, who often speak little or no English. Imagine, for example, the difficulty of the financial aid application and process when there is a language barrier.

"Since the families are not acquainted with higher education, I keep them informed as to what is happening here," Roman said. "This makes the family feel comfortable knowing that there is someone here to give [their student] a lecture if they are not pulling their weight, and a hug to applaud their success."

Roman also tries to instill good time management and study techniques in her students. She acts as an intermediary between students and faculty, helps find internship opportunities and tracks each student's progress to ensure timely graduation.

The Community Outreach Program has been successful with a 98 percent graduation rate. Roman, who has taught lower level and conversational Spanish, decided not to teach this semester so that she can dedicate all her time to the program.

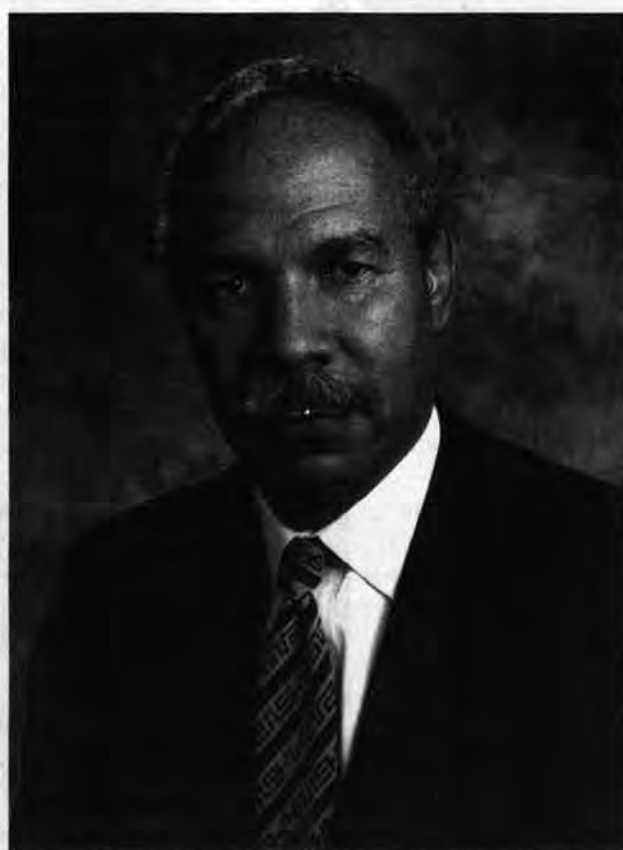
—MEGAN HOLMES

TransAfrica's Randall Robinson Makes a Case for Reparations

Randall Robinson, founder and president of TransAfrica, will give a talk titled "The Debt: What America Owes Blacks" on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 pm in

and the Americas.

A widely known advocate for human rights and democracy, Robinson will address the issue of black reparations, a public policy initiative pushed by an increasing number of analysts who argue that reparations are a necessary remedy for the continuing consequences of slavery. Suggesting that programs like affirmative action are more of a "palliative" than a "solution," Robinson makes the case that only reparations can begin to compensate African Americans for the economic dispossession they have suffered as a result of slavery and racial segregation.



Randall Robinson

the Multipurpose Room of the Nyumburu Cultural Center. The lecture is sponsored by the University of Maryland's Committee on Africa

Robinson's talk builds upon the fall lecture by Judge Dumisa Ntsebeza on racial reconciliation in South Africa, suggesting that the

issue of reparations is of vital importance to formerly colonized black populations throughout the world.

Robinson has worked on behalf of black people internationally. He is considered to be the American most responsible for helping end apartheid and bringing about democratic elections in South Africa. After Robinson was jailed because of a protest he led at the South African Embassy, the Congressional Black Caucus launched a campaign against U.S. policy in South Africa that grew into a nationwide movement to boycott South Africa and eventually help end apartheid. More recently, Robinson went on a hunger strike to force the Clinton administration to change its policies toward Haiti.

The lecture is part of the Committee on Africa and the Americas' yearlong program titled "Resistance and Social Justice in Africa and the Diaspora." The Committee is a joint project of the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. It combines an informal cluster of courses drawn from several departments in different colleges and a series of extracurricular events designed to complement student's classroom study.

A reception will follow the lecture. For more information, call (301) 405-6835.

SPECIAL ALERT: The Northeast Quadrant Is Where You'll Really Feel the Pinch

It's the big **OUCH!**

Before you even consider traveling from Point A to Point B, particularly in the Northeast Quadrant from March to August as Paint Branch Drive is realigned and widened, visit the **OUCH!** Web site at www.umd.edu/ouch for the latest on construction updates. Bookmark the site and check it often.

When you're feeling most **frustrated**, put on those rose-colored glasses you keep handy for such occasions and visualize THE BIG PICTURE.

WHERE CAN I GET THE FACTS, RAISE ISSUES OR GIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR PLANS?

Community Forums will be held throughout the academic year. It's your chance to ask questions and get answers from those in the know about construction and disruptions.

TIME: Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Physics Lecture Hall (Room 1412), Physics Building

DATES: Feb. 21 Apr. 18
Mar. 28 May 16

Look too for

- Periodic **OUCH! ALERTS** like this in *Outlook* and the *Diamondback*
- Postings in FYI Digest (also available on the Web)
- OUCH! ALERT** signage to help steer your course on campus



Maryland is building on its tradition of excellence.

Turn inside for the low-down on current construction projects in the Northeast Quadrant of campus.

WE'RE BUILDING, ADDING ON & RENOVATING

A flurry of construction activity in the Northeast Quadrant (see map) is part of the university's biggest construction boom since the '50s. The number at the beginning of the project name refers to its location on the Northeast Quadrant Map.

① Paint Branch Drive Realignment and Widening

March 2001–August 2001

The long overdue realignment will eliminate the dog-leg in this heavily traveled road and widening of Paint Branch Drive from Rte. 193 to Regents Drive North will ease congestion and accommodate heavier traffic volumes. In addition, a concurrent Maryland State Highway Administration project will help improve University Boulevard (Md. Rte. 193) traffic in the area of Metzorott Road. For example, two green arrow turning lanes equipped with traffic-sensing devices will help regulate traffic onto campus. In addition, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and bike lanes will be added to the length of the road.

However, before the road improvements are completed in August, your best bet is to find an alternate route during periods of construction. Paint Branch Drive roadwork will extend from just beyond the bridge over Campus Creek (north of the Ag/Life Sciences Surge Building) to and including the intersection with University Boulevard. From the beginning of construction, traffic flow will be limited. At times, traffic will be stopped as construction workers maneuver heavy equipment, fill and other materials associated with roadwork. During the months of June and July, the road between the bridge at Campus Creek and Chesapeake Building will be closed to traffic.

The project will be constructed in three phases:

Phase I: March/July—Realign and widen the northern section from Chesapeake Building to Rte. 193

Phase II: June/mid-July—Widen roadway between Chesapeake and the new section of Regents Drive

Phase III: mid-July/early August—Lay top coat of paving in off-peak hours

Disruptions: During Phase I, two-way traffic will be maintained, but it's apt to be slow going. During Phase II, Paint Branch Drive will be closed from Chesapeake to new section of Regents Drive at Lot 11.

Parking Impact: Limited access to Lots 11 and 4.

② Comcast Center

Opening 2002

The new arena will boast roomier seating for more than 17,000 proud spectators, dedicated seating for the disabled, convenient parking for 6,000 cars and easy access to and from campus. Among the arena's features are an academic support and career development center, wrestling and weight-training rooms for other collegiate sports and a large practice gym. But the best feature of all: air conditioning!

Disruptions: The primary construction entrance eliminated the existing pull-in parking courier/meter spaces on Regents Drive in front of the Chesapeake Building. The associated road work to widen and realign Paint Branch Drive will start in March, causing further traffic delays.

Parking Impact: Continued closure of much of Lot 4B.

③ Parking Garage 4

Completion August 2001

Construction of a 1,180-space garage adjacent to the Comcast Center began last October. Designed primarily for student parking, it's slated to open in August 2001. It will be primarily available on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with established commuter student parking guidelines. In fall 2002, it will continue to serve commuters.

Disruptions: None anticipated.

④ Pedestrian Bridge from PG4 to Campus Recreation Center

Completion August 2001

The well-lit pedestrian bridge, equipped with emergency blue light phones and surveillance cameras, will permit safe and easy travel between PG4 and the Campus Recreation Center/LaPlata Beach area of campus.

Disruptions: None anticipated.

⑤ Chemistry Teaching Building

Opening 2002

The building will serve programs of the College of Life Sciences and the Department of Chemistry. One wing of the existing building will be replaced by a new wing that will include teaching labs, offices and research space. Nearby, a Satellite Central Utility Building (SCUB) will include equipment to heat and cool the new wing, with connections to the existing Chemistry Building.

Disruptions: For those in the immediate vicinity, noise, dust and vibrations will be the primary disruptions.

★ **A 24-hr. Webcam, updated every 30 seconds, offers an up-close look at the demolition of the wing. Check it out on the OUCH!**
Web site: www.umd.edu/ouch

⑥ North Campus Satellite Central Utility Building (SCUB)

Completion April 2002

A Satellite Central Utility Building (SCUB) will include equipment to cool facilities in this area of campus.

Disruptions: Expect road/lane closures in the vicinity of Stadium Drive.

Parking Impact: The construction site has resulted in the loss of approximately half of the parking spaces in Lot T.

⑦ Computer Science Instructional Center

Completion June 2002

This addition to the A.V. Williams Building will provide instructional space for the Department of Computer Science. It will contain one 125-seat lecture hall, two 90-seat classrooms, seven midsize classrooms, a WAM lab and support space.

Parking Impact: The construction site has resulted in the loss of approximately 130 parking spaces and the internal realignment of traffic within lots G1 and G2.

⑧ Stamp Student Union Renovation

Completion June 2002

When the renovation is complete, improvements include a two-story bookstore, additional office space for student organizations, new conference and meeting facilities, a restaurant overlooking campus, a game center featuring bowling, billiards and video games and a

While all of these initiatives represent more of an **OUCH!** right now as we experience the disruptions and inconveniences associated with them...



redefined atrium food court. Count on spruced-up Grand and Colony Ballrooms and the Hoff Theater in their familiar locales.

Disruptions: Visitors to the union can expect noise and rerouting as the primary annoyances.

⑨ Research Greenhouse Complex

Start July 2001/Completion September 2002

This 66,360 sq. ft. project will replace the antiquated Harrison Lab Facility (currently located on U.S. Route 1) and support research in plant science and related areas. It will be built on the site of Parking Lot P northwest of Comcast Center.

Parking Impact: To permit construction of the new greenhouse, parking lot P will be replaced by a new lot (same number) and an expansion of Lot P*

⑩ New Parking Lot P

March start/Completion July 2001

A 70-space replacement parking lot north of Chesapeake Building

Parking Impact: New spaces will ease shortage. Completion date will coincide with work on Paint Branch Drive.

⑪ Parking Lot P* Expansion

Begin May/Completion July 2001

Disruptions: None anticipated.

Parking Impact: New spaces will ease shortage. Completion date will coincide with work on Paint Branch Drive.

⑫ North Campus ICA Softball Field Replacement

May 2001/April 2002

The new facility will meet the requirements for NCAA's women's softball. It will include a 1,200-seat stadium, lighted competition field, scoreboard, press box, batting cages, dugouts, restrooms, concession stands, storage and security fencing. Sounds like a field of dreams!

Disruptions: None anticipated.

Energy Project Utility Renewal

Ongoing

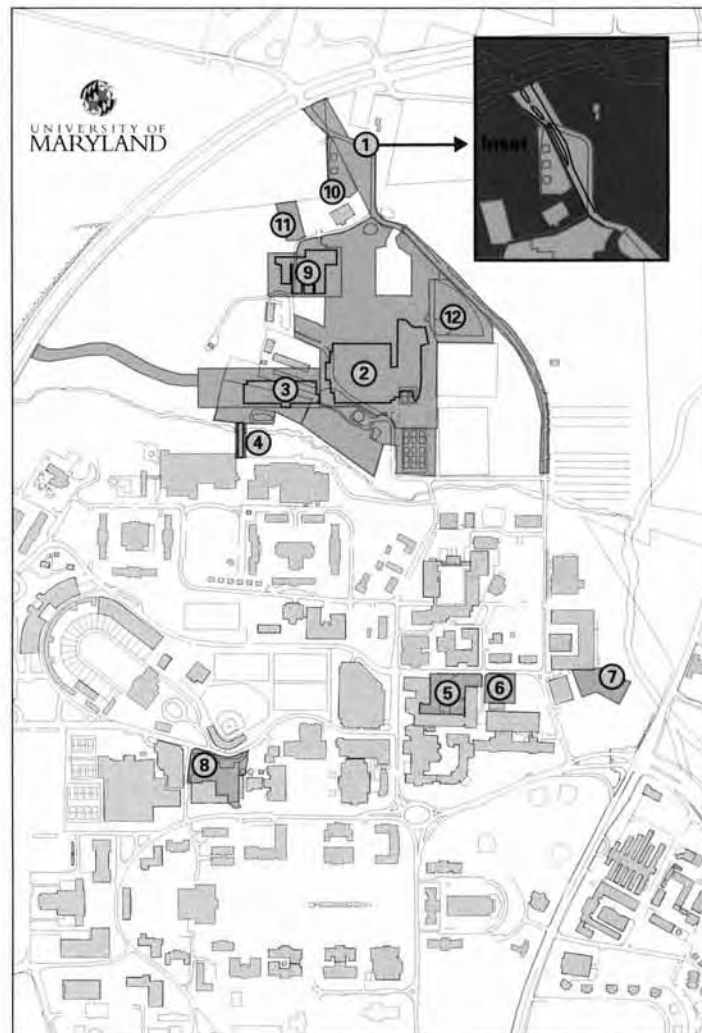
While unseen, the utility infrastructure located underground has been aging dramatically. As a result, periodic repairs and improvements can no longer be expected to ensure adequate delivery of water, electricity, heat and air conditioning to meet our expanding energy needs. For that reason the university has initiated a program of renewal and modernization for the antiquated steam and high voltage distribution systems.

Trigen-Cinergy, our energy services contractor, will be installing new underground electrical cables, steam and chilled water (air conditioning) piping throughout campus. During the summer of 2001 the most significant disruption will be the closure of Stadium Drive from the intersection at Regents Drive to the western end of Parking Lot T to accommodate construction of new chilled water and other utilities needed by the Chemistry Teaching Building.

Various campus vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares will be closed for short periods of time and steel plates will be placed on roadways during the modernization process. These disruptions will be intermittent and short-lived in any one particular area, but likely to affect just about everyone on campus at one time or another.

As work areas are known, the latest word will be found at the

OUCH! Web site: www.umd.edu/ouch



Construction Under Way: Spring/Summer 2001

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- ⑫ ICA Softball Field Replacement



...the big picture promises an even-better landscape in keeping with a national public research university that's on the rise. **AHH!**

THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO PARK

We do take a lot (pun intended) for granted at this university, and one of the gritty issues that our construction boom surfaces is: **Where will I park?** Believe us, more thought and care has been given to this issue than perhaps any other.

The university currently provides 18,500 parking spaces for faculty, staff and students. The guiding philosophy of the Department of Campus Parking has always been to provide reasonably convenient parking as space allows. At the moment, however, our construction boom is putting a squeeze on that space for all concerned.

The assignment of faculty and staff parking spaces is decentralized, handled by 140 parking coordinators in the administrative and academic units. Each unit designs its own system for prioritizing parking and assigning spaces allocated to it. Student parking is based on class standing and campus residency.

Parking spaces have been lost to new construction. But WAIT. New parking spaces will replace them. In fact, the Department of Campus Parking—with the advice of the Campus Parking Advisory Council (CPAC) that is comprised of faculty, staff and students—is planning to ensure that parking spaces being lost will be replaced as two new garages are completed, one by fall 2001 and another the following academic year.

Of more immediate concern are the parking spaces that will be temporarily lost due to construction staging areas, both on North Campus and South Campus, and this is where your patience may be tried. During this period, faculty and staff will have priority in reassignment to lots and spaces closest to their workplace, but it may require a longer walk to the office for some. Students will have to factor in the problems of scarcer and more distant parking in getting to class on time. Those who use Lot 4 and Lot 11 for parking will experience the most inconvenience during the construction of the new sports arena and the realignment of Paint Branch Drive on North Campus.

But these inconveniences will be short-lived and seasonal, as plans go forward for replacement parking. The university also will be working on alternatives to on-campus parking, such as encouraging shuttle bus use, park-and-ride arrangements and incentives for car-pooling to ease these short-term problems.

NOT THE FEES, PLEASE, ANYTHING BUT THE FEES

New parking garages? There's no easy way to say this: Yes, the fees. Did you know that each garage space costs \$12,000 to create? Those figures might help you appreciate how careful the administration has been in calculating parking fee increases for the next several years. First, increases have been spread over the longest possible time period to lessen the impact in any given year. Second, fees paid through payroll deduction will be taken out of pretax dollars.

When pretax savings are taken into account, the actual dollar increase is much less. In the current year, for example, an employee who makes \$25,000 a year and pays \$9.50 per check in parking fees over 20 pay periods, the total pretax savings is \$58.00 against the total \$190.00 fee. For someone making \$50,000, the savings is \$83.00*. The tax savings for all will increase proportionately as the fees go up.

*An individual's tax savings will vary depending upon marital status, county/city of residence, and other factors

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FEES FOR FY '02

As our population and facilities requirements grow, space does become a premium. As communicated at the first community forum in Fall '99 and in the **OUCH!** tabloid distributed in *Outlook* and the *Diamondback* at the same time, the parking fees for next fiscal year are projected to be:

Academic Year	Resident Student	Commuter Student	Faculty/Staff Annual	Per Check
2001-2002	\$191	\$95	\$220	\$11.00

Fees for the following years will be determined as the cost for the new garage (currently planned for the south section of Lot 2) is finalized. All permit holders will be notified later this spring of the projected permit fees for future years.

Be sure to weigh in with your **ideas** for encouraging car-pooling, using public transportation and other alternatives to relieve the temporary pain of traffic and parking problems during our growth spurt, at www.umd.edu/ouch



Author/Activist bell hooks Tells it Like She Sees it at Nyumburu Center



Author/activist bell hooks takes issue with the idea that black people can't love.

Her new book, "Salvation: Black People and Love," shows how late 19th century racist ideas shape our understanding of today's black experience. Appearing at Nyumburu Cultural Center last week, hooks read from her new book to a standing room-only crowd.

hooks delivered rough, accusatory words that seemed to stand in contrast to her soft voice and open, friendly face. With a tone more corrective auntie than angry revolutionary, she acknowledged that yes, many black people still need to learn how to love—especially themselves—but as with anyone else, they are capable of doing so.

She urged black people to start exercising more control of their images as a means to begin the self-love process. Using "Scary Movie" as an example, she asked why weren't there black people protesting the movie for a scene in which a black woman is attacked by

white people in a suburban theater, whereas all the other threatened characters are killed by monsters.

"How deep is that?" she asked rhetorically.

When it comes to black men, masculinity and love, hooks said with a wink that if men just followed "visionary feminist theory," they would see that their masculinity is "divinely given." They wouldn't feel a need to assert themselves using the "cold death masculinity" example set out by most popular culture.

And she questioned society's condemnation of young boys who are sexually irresponsible.

"Now, my mother told me not to get up and say a thing about Jesse Jackson, 'cause I don't know him," she said, "but how can we expect 12-year-old black boys to take responsibility for their lives?"

hooks also addressed gay and interracial love, saying that since love is such a hard commodity to find, one should hold onto it in whatever form it comes.

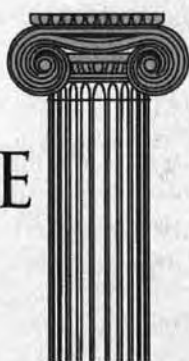
Photos by Cynthia Mitchell



Author/activist bell hooks signs a copy of "Salvation: Black People and Love" for fan Dorothy Menelas at Nyumburu Cultural Center last week (right). Above, hooks reads from and discusses her new book with a standing room-only crowd.



NOTABLE



Professor **Kyu Yong Choi** of Chemical Engineering has been elected to membership in the Korean Academy of Science and Technology. This is in addition to his election to the National Academy of Engineering of Korea last year. This is a significant recognition and a tribute to Dr. Choi's research and scholarly accomplishments.

A team from the university's **Center for Advanced Transportation Technology (CATT)** was selected by U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta as one of nine Intelligent Transportation

System (ITS) projects to receive a portion of \$1.665 million dollars in funding. The other sites are: Delaware; Idaho; Greater Yellowstone, Montana; Reno/South Tahoe, Nevada; Portland, Oregon; Grand Forks, North Dakota; Port of New York/New Jersey and Houston, Texas. The CATT team will study the Greater Metro Capital Region.

The sites were selected from 93 sites that receive funding from the ITS Integration Program. The nine sites were selected as the most promising for filling information gaps regarding the benefits and costs of emerging and existing

ITS technologies and/or for documenting newer, successful ways of doing business.

The evaluations are designed to increase the understanding of the benefits and impacts of deploying and integrating ITS infrastructure in metropolitan and rural settings. Independent consultants will perform all evaluations. Some evaluations will focus on obtaining system impact measurements, whereas others will focus on documenting lessons learned and providing qualitative information to others in the ITS arena to help ensure success of their projects.

The CapWIN (Capital Wireless Integrated Network) project looks at the integration of transportation and public safety data and voice communication systems in Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia. It is the first multi-state transportation and safety integrated wireless system in the U.S. The project seeks to improve communications between safety and transportation officials

within the region to reduce secondary crashes, reduce response time to crash victims, and improve travel conditions for the general public.

Three teams from the **Clark School of Engineering** have been selected for this year's Department of Defense (DoD) Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) Awards. MURI is a highly competitive program designed to address large multidisciplinary topic areas representing exceptional opportunities for future DoD applications and technology options. The average award will be \$1 million per year over a three-year period; two additional years of funding will be possible as options to bring the total award to five years. The three projects are:

Microwave Effects and Chaos in 21st Century Analog and Digital Electronics. There also is participation from Boise State University. The project is aimed at investigating the

threats and opportunities associated with the introduction of microwave pulse energy into modern and future electronics.

Multiferroic Materials for Smart Structures and Devices. There also is participation from University of Minnesota, University of Rhode Island and Cal State at Northridge. The project is aimed at identifying and enhancing the design and performance characterization of new classes of hybrid smart materials and developing enhancements to the use of such materials in macro-structures capable of both actuation and sensing.

Communicating Networked Control Systems. In this project, Boston University is prime and there is participation from UMCP, Harvard and the University of Illinois (Urbana). This project aims at developing mathematical foundations to support the integration of control and communications technologies.

For Your Interest

Investors Group Meets Again

"Investing in the Internet Economy Today: Opportunity or Disaster?" will be the topic at this month's Investors Group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at noon. Alan M. Meckler, Chairman and CEO of Internet.com Corporation, will be the featured speaker.

Internet.com, based in New York City, is a leading provider of global real-time news and information about the Internet industry and also has two venture funds looking to make deals in the Internet world.

Internet.com operates a network of 97 Web sites, 75 e-mail newsletters, 101 online discussion forums, and 75 moderated e-mail discussion lists with over two million unique visitors that generate more than 170 million page views monthly.

The Investors Group is a no-fee, monthly open forum and is cosponsored by the Friends of the Libraries and the Department of Personnel Services. The program will be held in Room 4137, McKeldin Library. For further information, contact Jennifer Royall at (301) 314-5674.

A Classic Experience

The Department of Classics continues its spring 2001 lecture series, "Domitian: Tyrant and Tyrannized" with a lecture by Ronald Mellor, Professor of History, University of California at Los Angeles, entitled "Ethnic Prejudice in Tacitus."

The lecture will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in 1102 Tydings Hall. A reception will follow in 2407 Marie Mount Hall. For further information about this lecture and others in the series (March 8: Kathleen Coleman, Harvard University and April 30: Victoria Pagan, University of Wisconsin), contact the Department of Classics at (301) 405-2013 or jh10@umail.umd.edu.

Surf or Turf

Bring your family and friends to the Golf Course Clubhouse tonight! The Golf Course is hosting a "Family Night" steak and salmon dinner from 5-8 p.m. The feast includes salad, a choice of grilled steak or salmon and dessert, all for \$12.95 per person.

The surf/turf extravaganza is going on every Tuesday evening through spring break. No reservations are required. For information, contact Nancy Loomis at (301) 403-4240 or at nloomis@dining.umd.edu.

Spiff Up Your Image

On Thursday, Feb. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. the Alumni Association will sponsor a free seminar, "Professional Imaging," at the Campus Recreation Center. Representatives from Nordstrom and Paul Mitchell will provide participants with the information to help them look their professional best. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Llatetra Brown, Director of Student Programs and Advocacy, at (301) 403-2728 ext. 11 or LB166@umail.umd.edu, or visit www.alumni.umd.edu/AlumniAction/EventCalendar.html.

Being Well

The Center for Health & Wellbeing is offering a series of health and wellness programs, including "The Diet Dilemma" on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Low-fat, low-carb, high protein... What to believe? Come hear the latest research on the various fad diets.

Acupuncture will be another topic of discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 12-1 p.m. Acupuncture is an alternative method of encouraging the body to promote natural healing. A hands-on demonstration will help participants discover whether it can work for them.

Reflexology is a type of massage therapy that targets the feet to promote relaxation and healing. On Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., this method will be presented at a hands-on demonstration.

All programs will be held at the Center for Health & Wellbeing, Room 0121 Campus Recreation Center. For information or to register, call (301) 314-1493 or email treger@health.umd.edu.

Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet

Recorder Ensemble Delights & Delivers Unconventional Program

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's Maryland Presents series presents the Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet at The Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland University College, Adelphi Road and University Boulevard, College Park on Sunday, March 4 at 7:30 pm. Their program, "Day in 4," is a blend of the classical "concert" and the contemporary quartet. A pre-concert discussion with the artists will take place from 6-7 pm, moderated by WETA's Robert Aubry Davis.

Although one often thinks of the recorder as an instrument reluctantly played and enthusiastically abandoned in elementary school, in the hands of this talented ensemble—Daniel Brueggen, Bertho Driever, Paul Leenhouts, and Karel van Steenhoven—the recorder is elevated to new status as a versatile instrument. The four musicians create diverse musical programs that range from "Pink Panther" to Purcell, with even a little Stevie Wonder thrown in.

Tickets are \$20 regular admission; \$18 for seniors and \$5 for full-time students with proof of student status. For more information or to order tickets, please contact the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Ticket Office at (301) 405-7847 or visit the Web site at www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.



The Amsterdam Loeki Stardust Quartet will perform their virtuosic program "Day in Four" at the Inn and Conference Center on March 4.

Black History Month Events

February 1-28

8 a.m.-6 p.m., African American Heritage Book Fair. All African American Heritage related titles in stock at the University Book Center will be discounted 20%. University Book Center. Call 4-7846.

February 20, 27

6:30 p.m., "SANKOFA Film Festival." Black film festival. Feb. 20: "Watermelon Woman." Feb. 27: a series of shorts from around the world on the theme of "Expanding the Diaspora." 1140 Plant Sciences. Call 5-9253.

February 20-22

6-8 p.m., "Quilting Workshop." Learn to quilt. Limited to 20 persons. Nyumburu Cultural Center. Contact Anne Carswell, 4-7759.

February 20

3-5 p.m., "Fourth Annual Celebration of African Americans in the Information Professions." Designed to publicize the leadership roles of African American information professionals. Carla Hayden, Executive Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and University of Maryland Professor is the guest speaker. Sponsored by the College of Information Studies. Nyumburu Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room. Contact Bill Wilson at 5-2048.

February 21

3-5 p.m., "Black History: A Celebration of Cultural Diversity." Students, faculty and staff will share artifacts, food, music and anecdotes from their culture. Sponsored by the Office of Multi-Ethnic Education. 1101 Hornbake Library. For information, contact Pat Thomas at 5-5616.

5:30-7 p.m., "Tribute to Blacks in Business and Engineering." A panel discussion featuring professional businesspersons and engineers. Sponsored by Black Engineers Society and Black Business Association. 2309 Art-Sociology Building. Contact Veronica Davis at (301) 233-0011.

7-8 p.m., Office of Campus Programs presents -ISMS Series: "Racism's effect on the Black Community." 1137 Stamp Union.

February 22

Time TBA, "Chickenhead Convention," presented by Iota Phi Theta. Nyumburu Cultural Center. Call Raymond Braxton at (301) 864-4477.

4 p.m., Lecture: "Do Women and Minorities Learn Physics Differently?" April Hodari presents a lecture and discussion on her research. Sponsored by the Department of Physics. 1304 Physics. Contact Hannah Wong at 5-5945.

4-6 p.m., "Annual Black Cultural Dinner." South Campus Dining Hall. Contact the Nyumburu Cultural Center at 4-7759.

4:30-7 p.m., "Black History Month Dinner." A celebration featuring food and entertainment from the African Diaspora. Sponsored by Dining Services. South Campus Dining Hall & the Diner. Contact Patricia Higgins at 4-8054.

6-7 p.m., Quilting Display and Reception, Nyumburu Cultural Center. For information, contact Anne Carswell at 4-7759.

7:30 p.m., "The Debt: What America Owes Blacks." Lecture featuring writer and political activist Randall Robinson. Sponsored by Africa and the Americas Committee. Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center. Contact Anthony Blasingame at 5-6835.

February 28

2-5 p.m., Film and discussion: "Tutu and Franklin: A Journey Towards Peace." Award-winning broadcast journalist Renee Pous-saint will introduce her latest documentary on racial reconciliation and leadership and answer questions. Sponsored by the Academy of Leadership and the College Park Scholars. Nyumburu Cultural Center multipurpose room. Contact Marie Cini at mcini@academy.umd.edu.